



Rochester, NH

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County
 Labor Market Area
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Strafford
Dover-Durham, NH-ME Metropolitan NECTA
Lakes
Strafford Regional
Southeast Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts
 US Congress
 Executive Council
 State Senate
 State Representative

District 1 (All Wards)
District 2 (All Wards)
District 6 (All Wards)
Strafford County Districts 7, 22 (Ward 1) 9, 23 (Ward 2) 10, 23 (Ward 3) 11, 24 (Ward 4) 12, 24 (Ward 5) 8, 22 (Ward 6)

Incorporated: 1722

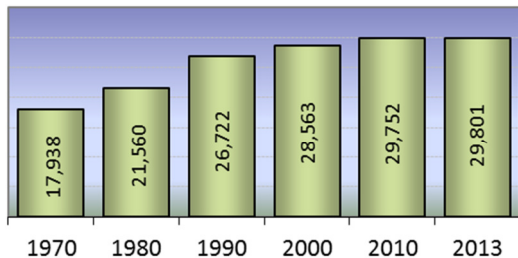
Origin: This town was one of four granted by Samuel Shute during his brief term as Governor of Massachusetts, which at the time included the New Hampshire province. The 1722 grant included what is now Farmington and Milton, and was named for a close friend of Governor Shute, Laurence Hyde, Earl of Rochester, who was a brother-in-law to King James II. The first settlers arrived in 1728, but due to trouble with Indians, the settlement didn't experience any growth until about 1760. Rochester was incorporated as a city in 1891. It includes the village of Gonic, named for the Indian Squamanagona, meaning day and water.

Villages and Place Names: East Rochester, Gonic

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 2,857 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Rochester, the ninth largest numeric increase

among the cities and towns, totaled 13,874 over 53 years, from 15,927 in 1960 to 29,801 in 2013. The largest decennial percent change was a 24 percent increase between 1980 and 1990. The 2013 Census estimate for Rochester was 29,801 residents, which ranked sixth among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Population Density and Land Area, 2013 (US Census Bureau): 664.8 persons per square mile of land area. Rochester contains 44.8 square miles of land area and 0.6 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Council/Manager	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2014-2015		\$34,321,907	
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Zoning Ordinance		1984/07	
Master Plan		2001	
Capital Improvement Plan		Yes	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	City Council; Police; School		
Appointed:	Planning; Zoning; Library; Conservation; Economic Development; Industrial Development; Arena; Historic; Utility; Arts & Culture		
Public Library	East Rochester Public; Rochester Public		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full-time	
Fire Department		Municipal	
Emergency Medical Service		Municipal	
Nearest Hospital(s)		Distance	Staffed Beds
Frisbie Memorial, Rochester		Local	82
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier		Eversource Energy	
Natural Gas Supplier		Unitil	
Water Supplier		Municipal	
Sanitation		Municipal	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		Yes	
Solid Waste Disposal			
Curbside Trash Pickup		Municipal	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		No	
Recycling Program		Voluntary	
Telephone Company		Fairpoint	
Cellular Telephone Access		Yes	
Cable Television Access		Yes	
Public Access Television Station		Yes	
High Speed Internet Service:		Business	Yes
		Residential	Yes
PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2013 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$26.36	
2013 Equalization Ratio		99.7	
2013 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$25.50	
2013 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		74.7%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		22.7%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		2.6%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2009-2013)	
Total Housing Units		14,040	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		6,958	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		2,504	
Five or More Units in Structure		2,201	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		2,377	

DEMOGRAPHICS		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2013	29,801		124,319
2010	29,752		123,143
2000	28,563		112,676
1990	26,722		104,348
1980	21,560		85,408
1970	17,938		70,431
Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2009-2013			
Population by Gender			
Male	14,256	Female	15,545
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			1,645
Age 5 to 19			4,624
Age 20 to 34			6,249
Age 35 to 54			8,853
Age 55 to 64			3,772
Age 65 and over			4,658
Median Age			42.0 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			89.7%
Bachelor's degree or higher			20.4%
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2009-2013)	
Per capita income			\$27,580
Median family income			\$60,747
Median household income			\$49,003
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$45,589
Female			\$34,642
Individuals below the poverty level			12.0%
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average	2003		2013
Civilian labor force	15,981		16,390
Employed	15,267		15,468
Unemployed	714		922
Unemployment rate	4.5%		5.6%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2003		2013
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	1,708		1,759
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 773		\$1,199
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	8,055		7,885
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 621		\$ 670
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	9,763		9,644
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 647		\$ 766
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	1,295		1,391
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 604		\$ 776
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	11,059		11,035
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 642		\$ 768

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARESchools students attend: **Rochester operates grades K-12**District: **SAU 54**Career Technology Center(s): **Dover Career Technical Center; Creteau Regional Technology Center, Rochester;
Somersworth Career Technical Center**Region: **12**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	8	1	2	4
Grade Levels	P K 1-5	6-8	9-12	K 1-12
Total Enrollment	1,873	946	1,442	174

Nearest Community College: **Great Bay**Nearest Colleges or Universities: **University of NH; Granite State**

2014 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: **24** Total Capacity: **1,091**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
City of Rochester - Schools	Education	1,155	1751
Frisbie Memorial Hospital	Health care services	655	1919
City of Rochester	Municipal services	617	1891
Hannaford Brothers	Supermarket	464	1963
Albany Engineered Composites	Aerospace engineered products	433	1985
Market Basket	Supermarket	320	1996
Eastern Propane & Oil	Retail propane & oil	310	1989
Wal-Mart Supercenter	Retail store, supermarket	295	1970
Waste Management	Recycling & solid waste	200	1983
Laars Technologies	Boilers & water heaters	185	1984

TRANSPORTATION (*distances estimated from city/town hall*)

Road Access	US Routes	202
	State Routes	11, 16, 108, 125, 202A
Nearest Interstate, Exit	Spaulding Tpk., Exits 12-16; I-95, Exit 5	
Distance	Local access; 21 miles	

Railroad	NH Northcoast
Public Transportation	COAST

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation	
Skyhaven, Rochester	Runway 4,001 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids? Yes

Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service	
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance 46 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport	4

Driving distance to select cities:	
Manchester, NH	43 miles
Portland, Maine	51 miles
Boston, Mass.	75 miles
New York City, NY	289 miles
Montreal, Quebec	271 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (*ACS 2009-2013*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	79.7%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	3.4%
Public transportation	39.0%
Walked	0.5%
Other means	3.1%
Worked at home	12.4%
Mean Travel Time to Work	34.1 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2009-2013

Working in community of residence	22.1
Commuting to another NH community	57.3
Commuting out-of-state	20.6

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
X	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
X	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
X	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
X	Cinemas
X	Performing Arts Facilities
X	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
X	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
X	Youth Sports: Hockey
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Gunstock**Other: **Rochester Fair; Live Performances; Opera House; Skyhaven Airport; Farmer's Markets; Art Galleries; History Museum; Oktoberfest**